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SUBJ: VISIT OF ADMINISTRATOR PARKER

1. WE WILL SEND SEPARATELY GENERAL CABLE ON PARKER VISIT TO JORDAN AND JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. HOWEVER, WE WANTED TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE REPORT ON FEW SALIENT ASPECTS OF VISIT.

2. BOTH WE AND ADMINISTRATOR PARKER WERE VERY PLEASED WITH VISIT. PARKER ESTABLISHED CLOSE AND EASY RELATIONSHIP WITH CROWN PRINCE HASSAN. THIS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO TALK STRAIGHT-FORWARDLY ABOUT THE MAJOR ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL ISSUES CONCERNING JORDAN AND U.S. CROWN PRINCE WAS QUITE OPEN AND DIRECT IN DESCRIBING COMPLEXITIES OF HIS ROLE VIS-A-VIS GOVERNMENT AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO PRIME MINISTER. HE ALSO INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER LIMITATIONS ON AID PROGRAMMING IN JORDAN WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL TO US IN FUTURE.

3. IN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING PRIME MINISTER ASKED FOR U.S. ECONOMIC AID FOR PERIOD FY 76-80 OF \$100 MILLION PER YEAR, MADE UP OF \$23 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AID AND \$75 MILLION IN BUDGET SUPPORT. HOWEVER, IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH PARKER IT APPEARED THAT PM UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED FACT THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT JORDAN WOULD RECEIVE U.S. ASSISTANCE AT THAT LEVEL. WHILE AS DEPARTMENT AND AID/W REALIZE PM FREQUENTLY DOES NOT REMAIN CONVINCED WHERE AID

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IS CONCERNED, PARKER EXCHANGE WAS HELPFUL IN MINIMIZING

UNDUE EXPECTATIONS.

4. BOTH IN JOINT COMMISSION AND IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS PARKER STRESSED DEVELOPMENTAL ASPECT OF US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND PARRALLEL IMPORTANCE OF GRADUAL REDUCTION IN CASH GRANT BUDGET SUPPORT. PM, IN TURN, ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE OF JORDANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ITS LONG-TERM INDEPENDENCE. AS DEPARTMENT AND AID/W KNOW, PM HAS NOT BEEN CHAMPION OF LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN JORDAN, AT EXPENSE OF BUDGET SUPPORT, AND WE WOULD NOT EXPECT HIM NOW TO COMPLETELY REVERSE HIS FIELD, BUT WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY FACT THAT BOTH IN JOINT COMMISSION AND PRIVATELY HE ACKNOWLEDGED IMPORTANCE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF COUNTRY AND DID NOT LIMIT HIS ATTENTION SOLELY TO BUDGET SUPPORT, AS HAS BEEN THE CASE GENERALLY IN THE PAST.

5. AS RESULT OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH CROWN PRINCE AND PM, PARKER CONCLUDED THAT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO IS BETTER THAN IT HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN IN PAST. BOTH PARTICIPATED IN AND SPONSORED SOCIAL AND OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND CP INDICATED HE FELT THEIR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WAS CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED. AGAIN, FRICTION BETWEEN CP AND PM HAS BEEN FLUCTUATING SITUATION, BUT BASED ON PARKER'S IMPRESSION, WE APPEAR TO BE, AT LEAST ON UPSWING.

6. OVERALL THE VISIT WENT EXTREMELY WELL. PARKER SAW MOST OF THE COUNTRY BY CAR AND HELICOPTER AND, IN ADDITION TO COURTESY CALL ON KING, HE MET VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE TOP ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING SPRINKLING FROM PRIVATE SECTOR. JORDANIANS WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF FACT THAT HE HAD TAKEN FOUR DAYS OUT OF BUSY SCHEDULE TO VISIT JORDAN AND HAD TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM. PICKERING

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